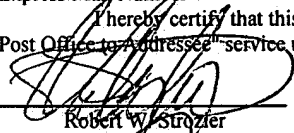


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**RESPONSE TO 15 JUNE 2005 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Avila:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated **15 June 2005**, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

**SUMMARY OF NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Claims 3 and 16-45	102(e)/103 - Kao et al (6399335)
Claims 16-17, 21 and 28-32	103(a) Del Raso + Roberts
Claims 22-26	103(a) Del Raso + Roberts + Wincklemann